

Restoration Events: Frequently Asked Questions

- 1. What is the mission of the Green Kirkland Partnership?** To conserve and sustain natural areas for the benefit and enjoyment of current and future generations. Our goal is to restore 372 acres of natural areas in 20 years through community, business, and City involvement.
- 2. Who can volunteer?** Typically most people! Adults, Teens, Families. Minors under the age of 14 years must be accompanied by an adult. Youth 14 to 17 years should be accompanied by an adult, or bring a signed waiver form, or a parent/guardian to sign you in. Youth waiver forms can be obtained in advance from the City website.
- 3. Do I have to fill in a consent form?** Yes, a waiver/consent form needs to be filled in for restoration work conducted in City parks. Volunteers 14 years and older are covered under the City's Labor and Industries medical coverage.
- 4. Can I get School Community Service credit for volunteering?** Yes! The event leader will sign your form or sign a flyer. Court ordered community service hours are generally not accepted.
- 5. What do I need to bring to the event?** Water, gloves, sturdy shoes, and layers of clothing you don't mind getting dirty and that protect your arms and legs. We work rain or shine, so remember rain gear.
- 6. Are tools and equipment provided?** Typically yes. You may also bring your own pruning clippers, lopping shears, and shovel.
- 7. Are snacks provided?** Yes, typically we provide refreshments. Please consider sponsoring snacks or lunches!
- 8. Am I expected to stay for the entire event duration?** It does help to arrive for the introductory demonstrations and we encourage you to stay for the event duration; however, every volunteer hour helps.
- 9. Who is in charge at the event?** A Green Kirkland Partnership stewardship leader; sometimes City staff, sometimes EarthCorps, sometimes trained community leaders.
- 10. How do I sponsor or donate to the Green Kirkland Partnership?** Please join with us and sponsor our community efforts to make our natural areas healthy! To sponsor events (e.g. food, t-shirts, plants) please contact Sharon Rodman, greenkirkland@kirklandwa.gov For financial donations please contact Jennifer Schroder, Park and Community Services Director, jschroder@kirklandwa.gov
- 11. Who is the best person to answer questions about advertised events?** Sharon Rodman, Environmental Education & Outreach Specialist, 425-587-3305, greenkirkland@kirklandwa.gov
- 12. What is the best website to find out about the Green Kirkland Partnership?** www.greenkirkland.org or http://www.ci.kirkland.wa.us/depart/parks/Green_Kirkland_Partnership.htm.
- 13. Can my youth group or business schedule a private volunteer restoration event?** Yes, it is possible for groups to schedule private events on weekdays or weekends. Please contact Nicci Osborn, Parks Coordinator, at 425-587-3342 or nosborn@kirklandwa.gov
- 14. Can I volunteer for non-physical activities?** Yes, please do! Tasks we need help with include:
 - Assistance with publicity (posters, flyers, signage, electronic messages)
 - Help at the sign-in table
 - Photography
 - Sponsoring refreshments (or arranging for sponsorship)
 - Other forms of sponsorship, e.g., gifts for volunteers
 - Finding donors (e.g. businesses) or grantors (e.g. for native plants and equipment). You can work through the non-profit Northwest Parks Foundation to receive grant funding or donations.

- Set up a "Friends of Park" group